1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Kotlibhel St-IA CENTRAL/NHPC Tehri Garhwal	195	1095.77 12/2005	03.10.2006	Draft PIB note circulated on 09.11.2006.
6.	Kotlibhel St-IB CENTRAL/NHPC Pauri & Tehri Garhwal **Manipur**	320	1806.43 12/2005	31.10.2006	Environment clearance not yet received
7.	Tipaimukh CENTRAL/NEEPCO Churachandpur	1500	5855.83	02.07.2003	PIB cleared the project subject to certain conditions on appropriation of costs by other departments.
8.	Loktak D/S CENTRAL / NHPC Tamenglong	66	866.77 Incl. IDC & FC 112.44 Oct. 2006	15.11.2006	PIB to be held on 23.11.2006.
	TOTAL :		4267		

Reforms in power sector

515. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have any plan to further develop and reform the power sector in view of the future development plans of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Electricity Boards are continuously accumulating huge losses;

(d) if so, the losses of State Electricity Boards during the last three years; and

(e) the action taken to cut down the mounting losses of State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The power sector reform is ongoing process for development of

power sector in the country. The National Electricity Policy (NEP) notified by the Central Government under section 3 of the Electricity Act, 2003 aims at accelerated development of power sector, providing electricity supply to all areas and protecting interest of the consumers and other stake holders. The NEP has the following among its objectives:

* Access to Electricity-Available for all households in next five years.
* Availability of Power-Demand to be fully met by 2012. Energy and peaking shortages to be overcome and spinning reserve to be available.
* Per capita availability of electricity to be increased to over 1000 units by 2012.
* Miniumum lifeline consumption of 1 unit/household/day as a merit good by year 2012.

(c) and (d) The profit/losses of the State Power Utilities during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(e) The Government of India has taken the following major initiatives to bring down the losses of State Power Utilities:

(i) Tariff determination is done by independent Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

(ii) Section 65 of the Electricity Act provides that if the State Government requires the grant of any subsidy to any consumer or class of consumers in the tariff determined by the State Commissions, the State Government shall pay to the concerned utility/licensee the full amount required to compensate the grant of subsidy. This provision ensures release of subsidy by the State Government to the utilities.

(iii) Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP) is assisting States in investment in strengthening of sub transmission and distribution systems for reducing technical losses and improving the quality of supply and also for incentivising through cash grants for reduction of cash losses by State Power utilities.

(iv) Stringent legal provisions have been made in Electricity Act 2003 for dealing with theft of electricity.

(v) Emphasis is given on metering of feeders and supply to consumers for energy accounting and auditing for identifying location of high losses.

(vi) Partnership for Excellence Programme for improving Plant Load Factor (PLF) of poorly performing thermal power stations in the country has been launched. The programme has started showing results at a number of power stations in the form of improvement in PLF and availability by streamlining the O & M practices.

Statement

Statement indicating the income, expenditure and profitability of State Power Utilities for the period 2002-03 to 2004-05

(Rupees in crores)

Sl. No.	Description	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Income (without subsidy) Utilities selling directly to the consumers	88,243	98,152	106,881
2.	Expenditure (without depreciation and tax)-Utilities selling directly to the consumers	100,948	109,051	120,392
3.	Profit/loss without depreciation subsidy and tax for-Utilities selling directly to the consumers	(-) 12,705	(-) 10,899	(-)13,511
4.	Gencos and Transcos (Profit without depreciation and tax)	1,816	2,414	3,065
5.	Total Profit/Loss	(-)10,889	(-)8,485	(-)10,446
6.	(i) Tax	159	155	241
	(ii) Deferred Tax	73	65	218
	(iii) Depreciation	10,071	11,017	11,221
7.	Profit/Loss (without subsidy and tax)	(-)20,960	(-)19502	(-)21,667

Source: Report on the Performance of the State Power Utilities for the year 2002-03 to 2004-05 compiled & published by Power Finance Corporation